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since about four weeks, the Soviet officers and men stationed at the Zeithain troop training grounds could freely leave their quarters in their off-duty hours. The Soviet soldiers take advantage of this new order and make excursions into the villages in the vicinity of the troop training grounds. They also frequently attend dances of the German population. The soldiers are strictly forbidden to carry arms while mixing with the German population. When they visited Glaubitz, they praised the Grotewohl government and they expressed their delight at being allowed to fraternize with the German population. However, source reported that the German girls refused to dance with the Russian soldiers and that the population, as a whole, took a reserved attitude towards the Soviets.

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  Comment. Immediately after 17 June, there was a distinct wave of fraternization on the side of the Soviet occupation forces. This tendency appears to have been increased after the return of the East-German government delegation from Moscow.

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